



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US

Regina Pacis Academy Newsletter

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October leaves us golden

The leaves quickly change outside, but inside Regina



Pacis Academy, the warmth of the same remains: happy

children and dedicated teachers teaching a beautiful Classical curriculum, deeply rooted in the Roman Catholic Tradition.

The golden, brown, orange, vibrant hues abound just as we enjoy colorful art classes, Schola, gym class, and the glorious basics: Mass, Latin, prayers, theology, math,

reading, poetry, handwriting, writing, history, and more, coloring our present as we strive for a future masterpiece.



We pray to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to bring us six more months of collaborative school time together.



Teacher Spotlight

We have amazing, hardworking, dedicated teachers at RPA! In the Teacher Spotlight, we will learn more about a chosen teacher. This issue features Miss Molly Lloyd, who teaches 3rd & 4th grade, plus Theater and Storytime to the Kdg children (as seen above). Read more about Miss Lloyd on p. 3.



Mrs. Reichle, Principal, receives a leaves bouquet from the Kindergarten class

The students are very grateful to Father Cipolla and St. Mary's Church for the opportunity to put up this beautiful new fence. The fence increases the safety for the children during outdoor recess, gym, and learning times.



Working on math skills outside while mastering the cup pyramid.



RPA HIGHLIGHTS



- The children are full of joy as they run, play, and soak up the sunshine outside with the new fence, which provides safety and security for the kids, teachers, principal, and parent helpers!
- The library is overflowing with wonderful classical books and the eighth grade students are working on a yearbook!
- The teachers are working hard to create a challenging, fun, and enriching classroom experience, including our great new teacher, Mrs. Stevens!
- The kids, moms, and teachers had a blast at the Trunk or Treat party.
- Mr. Chris Mueller joined our school as the new Schola teacher.
- Principal Jane Reichle is leading the day to day excitement with a smile.
- Father Gill is visiting our school regularly – what a treat!
- The gym classes enjoyed football, relay races, and tug-o-war!



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Miss Lloyd Q&A

Please tell us about yourself and your family, your parents, siblings, your upbringing:

I'm the second of seven children. I have five sisters and one brother. My dad runs a non-profit organization, and my mom is a freelance writer. Since my dad is Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic and my mom is Roman Catholic, I was raised attending both rites.

What fun things do you like to do in your spare time?

My two favorite things to do are acting and singing, and I also love to read and hike.

What is your favorite food?

I don't have a favorite "normal" food, but I love trying unusual things -- my favorite weird food that I've tried so far has been raw quail eggs.

What are your favorite books?

To Kill a Mockingbird, and anything by P.G. Wodehouse or Sigrid Undset.

What are your favorite thing about teaching at Regina Pacis Academy?

The kids!

Where did you go to college?

Thomas More College in Merrimack, NH.

Who is one of your favorite Saints and why?

Saint Anthony is my very favorite saint! It's kind of like he chose me, rather than the other way around. I don't know why, but he has always answered my prayers and we've become buddies.

What was your favorite class in school growing up?

History. Always history. And theater, but I never considered it a class, because it was too fun!

What is the best thing that happened to you this week?

I got to see my younger sister, Eileen. I hadn't seen her since June!

What is your favorite season and why?

SPRING! Because everything is green and growing and it makes me so cheerful. Also, my birthday is in the spring. =)

If you had money from the money tree, on what would you spend it?

This is a question I can absolutely never think of an answer to. I'd probably be boring and save it.

What is your favorite store?

Aldi. And Trader Joe's. Do you know they were started by brothers?

Where do you go for the holidays?

Home to my family in PA

If you had one bit of advice for the children of Regina Pacis, what would it be?

Never forget that your teachers love you. Even if we're correcting you –

we don't stop loving you.

What did you do this summer? Any fun travel?

Lots of fun travel! I taught English to university students in Ukraine during July, and then walked the Camino de Santiago during the month of August. My best friend and I began in Fatima, and walked about 270 miles to the shrine of St. James the Apostle, in Spain. (We prayed for all of you during our pilgrimage! And Santiago Calderon, especially, at the shrine of his patron saint.) ☺

Did you always hope to be a teacher? If not, what other cool jobs have you considered?

When I was little I wanted to be a Missionary of Charity, and when I was a teenager I wanted to be a journalist . . . or Secretary of State. Somehow I thought that would just be the coolest job. Eventually, right before college I realized I would like to be a teacher. I'm glad I settled on teaching! I think I'll stick with it.



If you could meet any famous person in the history of the world, who would it be?

Definitely Saint Anthony!

Also, Attila the Hun. But only if Pope Leo were with me.



Gym Class is Fun(damental)



GYM CLASS HELPER WANTED

Gym class is Mon and Wed, 12 – 2pm. If you'd like to volunteer to help teach gym, or if you know someone who would like to help Mr. H. on a regular basis, please contact Mrs. Reichle. Thank you!

Gym class is great fun with new teacher, Mr. Tom Heckel, aka, "Mr. H," who starts each class with a prayer. Be it in Latin, Spanish, English, it is devout and starts the class on the right tone! Mr. H has a wonderful curriculum in store for the children, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, dodge ball, capture the flag, and all the necessary fundamentals. He mixes his faith with physical activity. Some notable scripture follows:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

1 Corinthians 9:27

But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Proverbs 31:17

She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.





Volunteering fun

Volunteering in the gym classes and recently as a substitute teacher in the kindergarten class has been so fruitful and fun. As a former homeschooler, I've loved the time with my older children, watching them learn, seeing an inside look at their budding friendships, engaging with the older and younger classmates in other grades, and partnering with these great teachers and administrators in this educational venture for our children. I don't know all of the answers, but I jumped in and the leap of faith was so worth it as I've created memories to last a lifetime.

Though it's baby season at my home, it has given me a chance to see that I truly enjoy time with the children at school. Perhaps one day, I'll find myself inside the school more often again. If you'd like to volunteer, jump right in. You won't regret it.



Reminder: The Helping Hands Committee is here if you need a meal baby or other "helping hand" from the moms! Contact

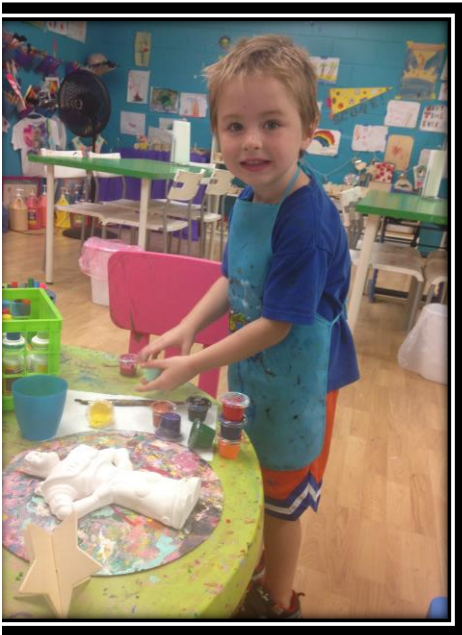
Christine or Helen!

Christine's e-mail is:

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AROUND TOWN

What fun things are happening around town? RPA moms and their little ones like to gather for playdates. Join us! The Stepping Stones Science Museum is just a nice walk from our school. Kids sporting our logos may be seen there on a weekly basis. During our Friday playgroup or inside playgroup time, especially on rainy or snowy days, you may find us there. We also frequent Cherry Lawn Park, Bruce Park, Cove Park, the Darien Library (with puzzles galore for the littles), Best Time Ever painting place, Kids U gym, the Mall play area, the Maritime Aquarium, The Stamford Museum & Nature Center, Chelsea Piers, and more.



Welcome new Kindergarteners!

Veteran teacher and Vice Principal, Miss Julia Hieronymus welcomes an excited new kindergarten classroom. In this first few weeks of school, these young scholars settle into reading lessons, begin reading 2 – 3 word stories, focusing on and learning to recognize and write clock face letters: o, a, c, d, f, g, q, s, and down-around letters: b, h, m, n, p, and r. They enjoy library time every Thursday after lunch, bringing home library books from our stellar school library full of classical stories and beautiful picture books. They had a beautiful visit from Father Gill who shared the story of the rosary. Father was impressed the students knew about Saint Teresa of Avila and Spain. In History, the children learned about Noah and the Ark, adding to their beautiful timeline, hearing of Noah's obedience and God's promise never to destroy the earth by flood. They used the sign of God's promise, the rainbow, as an opportunity to learn about the primary and secondary colors. Miss Hieronymus was impressed with the children's color mixing and brushwork. Learning the names of the colors in Latin was a load of fun! Parents can practice at home with the children. The highlight of the week for her was presenting the parable of the Good Shepherd during Atrium time. Maria Montessori found this presentation to be so compelling to children that it became the heart and inspiration for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Next week, the children will explore Ancient China, the Empress Si-Ling, and the great silk route.



The Kindergarten class learns Latin colors:

- red – rubrum,
- orange – aereum,
- yellow – flavum,
- green – viride,
- blue – ceruleum,
- violet - purpureum



Trunk or Treat



The students, moms, teachers, and principal gathered, along with our little ones, for a wonderful fun activity: a parking lot trunk or treat party. The kids collected money for our fence donation, which raised \$575. Great job kids and moms! Grandma Wendy created balloon animals, hats, and pumpkins for all. Mrs. Rovny and Miss Skidd dressed up and decorated their car trunks and won a prize! Mrs. Chessman and Kate Skidd & marvelous children won the best decorated trunk with wonderful runners-up!

Part of the joy of attending RPA includes fun events where the community can come together enjoying the fresh fall air, treats, and friendships that will last a lifetime. In a community where all love Our Lord, our faith, Our Lady, our families, our friends and our school, as well as the outrageously fun occasional parties, it just doesn't get much better than this. Thank you for Mrs. Reichle for judging the winners.

The Roman Underworld was my idea (Latin teachers always look for ways to sneak in some instruction!). Jimmy thought of the fog machine, lights and music. The Romans believed that when you died you entered a tunnel that led down underground into the underworld. I tried to make the car look like a tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, Pluto, the king of the underworld is enthroned with his queen, Proserpina. His three-headed dog, Cerberus, is his fierce guard. Charon is the ferryman that ferries the dead across the River Styx into the underworld. Romans are always buried with a coin in their mouths to pay Charon for the ride. Otherwise they will never reach this place of rest.

– Mrs. Chessman, one of the winners of the car trunk decorating contest.

Parents, please check it out!

RPA has a Shutterfly page with all of our pictures.

If you are a parent, please contact Mrs. Chessman and ask her to include your name in the Shutterfly account: JMChessman@verizon.net





Friends & Fun



